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**Via Electronic Mail**

**EX PARTE PRESENTATION**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re:** Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc.,  
WC Docket Nos. 09-133 and 10-90; Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 1, 2016, on behalf of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands ("DHHL"), the undersigned met with Amy Bender, Legal Advisor, Wireline to Commissioner O'Rielly to discuss matters relating to our client, DHHL, in the above-captioned proceedings involving Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. ("SIC"). Jobie Masagatani, Chair, Hawaiian Homes Commission, Peter "Kahana" Albinio, Acting DHHL Land Management Administrator and Craig Iha, Deputy Attorney General participated by conference call.

At the meeting, DHHL noted that it has responsibility of overseeing telecommunications services in the Hawaiian Home Lands. As such, DHHL has a significant interest in FCC proceedings addressing Universal Service Fund ("USF") payments and National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA") tariff issues relating to SIC. DHHL advised that its primary concern in these proceedings is that native Hawaiians currently served by SIC continue to receive quality telecommunications services. DHHL further noted that it is available to assist the FCC in telecommunications matters under FCC jurisdiction that relate to the Hawaiian Home Lands and also that it would welcome FCC guidance on federal USF policies relating to the Home Lands.

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Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, please include this ex parte filing in the above referenced dockets. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Albert J. Catalano  
Gregory E. Kunkle  
Counsel for Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

cc: Amy Bender